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Senate Bill 496 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to prescribe a misdemeanor penalty for an individual who operated a motorcycle without an indorsement on his or her license.

The Code requires a person to obtain a motorcycle indorsement on his or her operator's or chauffeur's license before operating a motorcycle, other than an autocycle, upon a public street or highway in Michigan.

The bill specifies that an individual who violated this requirement would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as follows:

- For a first violation, by imprisonment for up to 90 days or a maximum fine of \$500, or both.
- For any subsequent violation that occurred after a prior conviction, by imprisonment for up to one year or a maximum fine of \$1,000, or both.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

MCL 257.312a

Legislative Analyst: Drew Krogulecki

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State and a negative fiscal impact on local government. It is currently a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$100 and imprisonment for up to 90 days, to operate a motorcycle without a motorcycle indorsement. The bill would maintain the maximum length of imprisonment of 90 days for a first violation, but would increase the penalty to a term of up to one year for repeat violations. An increase in jail sentences could place incremental resource demands on jails. The bill also would increase the maximum fine to \$500 for a first violation and to \$1,000 for repeat violations. Any associated increase in fine revenue would be dedicated to public libraries.

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